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Application No. : Examiner:
Filed: : IBM Corporation
This application is a : Dept. 18G/Bldg. 300-482
Continuation-in-part of: : 2070 Route 52,
Application No. 09/482,547 : Hopewell Junction, NY 12533
Filed: January 13, 2000 :

Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A
FLAT INTERFACE FOR A METAL-
SILICON CONTACT BARRIER FILM :

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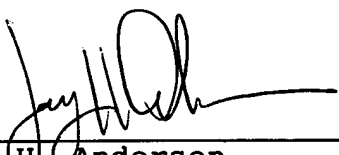
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFR 1.98. The references listed are those which have been cited in Applicants' parent patent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/482,547, filed January 13, 2000.

A summary of all the references is made on Form PTO-1449, attached hereto. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of the US references are not being provided as they were previously cited and submitted in Applicants' parent Application noted above. A copy of the Japanese patent publication 7-321069 is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. A concise explanation of the relevance of this reference is included in the English abstract attached thereto.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each reference and initial a copy of Form PTO-1449 and return a copy of same to Applicants.

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